activise the market for picking up the sluggish demand; and

(f) whether there is a proposal for price revision of aluminium and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Aluminium industry has been delicenced in July, 1991 under the New Industrial Policy. As such no approval of the Govt. either for setting up of new capacity or expansion of the existing capacity for production of aluminium is required from the Govt. The Government has received five applications for setting up 100% EOU for manufacture of Alumina based on Andhra Pradesh Bauxite deposits.

(b) the details of the projects/schemes of National Aluminium Company Limited. (NALCO) and Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd. (BALCO), THE TWO public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Mines is as follows:-

(i) *National Aluminium Co. Ltd. (NALCO)*

The PIB has considered and recommended implementation of the first phase of NALCO's expansion for increasing the Bauxite Mines capacity from 2.4. to 4.8 million tonnes per year and Alumina Refinery from 0.8 to 1.35 million tonnes per year at a cost of Rs. 970 crores to be implemented in 51 months from zero date.

The Billet Casting Facility at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores is under implementation to provide greater flexibility and to meet the changes in market demand.

(ii) *Bharat Aluminium Co. Ltd. (BALCO)*

Setting up of a new cold rolling mill of 20,000 tonnes per annum capacity to produce thinner gauge sheets upto 0.15 mm thickness at an estimated cost of about Rs. 127 crores.

Modernisation of Korba Smelter at an estimated cost of about Rs. 76.5 crores which is expected to reduce the cost of production of metal and also increase productivity.

(c) and (d) During 1992-93 the production and domestic consumption is estimated to be 4.87 lakh tonnes and 4 lakh tonnes, respectively. By the terminal year of the 8th Plan, the production is projected at 6.65 lakh tonnes with the same order of demand.

(e) and (f) The Government does not determine prices of Aluminium. Individual producers are free to fix their prices in a competitive open market. It is learnt that the Aluminium Association of India is studying ways & means to stimulate demand.

संगम विहार, दिल्ली में खनन कार्य

3921. **श्री एन० गिरि प्रसाद:** क्या खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली मिनरल डेवलपमेंट कारपोरेशन लि० ने दिल्ली में महरौली तहसील के अन्तर्गत देवली गांव में संगम विहार में पथरीली पहाड़ी भूमि को पट्टे पर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो जमीन की खसरा संख्या और पट्टे की अवधि सहित पट्टे पर ली गई जमीन का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या उस जमीन पर खनन कार्य अभी भी चल रहा है?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Organisation working under Ministry of Mines

3922. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) The Companies working under his ministry with profit/loss in each case;

(b) whether some of the companies have been earmarked for disinvestment;